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Dear Commissioner:

Applicants hereby timely respond within two months from the mailing of the Final Office Action dated August 6, 2003. Pursuant to MPEP 706.07(f), the shortened statutory period for reply will expire at three months from the date of the final rejection (i.e., November 6, 2003) or on the mailing date the Advisory Action is mailed, whichever is later. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the Amendments and Remarks beginning on the following page, and if the application is not allowed, Applicants request an Advisory Action.

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